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**CUSTOMER NO. 26645**

In re Application of: James D. Burrington et al. et al.

Serial No.: Unknown Examiner: McAvoy, Ellen M.

Filed: Herewith Art Unit: 1764

(Parent Application: USSN 10/603,644 filed 6/25/2003)

For: Gels That Reduce Soot and/or Emissions from Engines

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

Dear Sirs:

Applicants have filed a continuation patent application and request the Examiner to review this application in view of the following Preliminary Amendment and the Remarks.

Applicants received an Office Action mailed January 31, 2006 advising that the Amendment and Response filed November 9, 2005 fails to place this application in condition for allowance.

The Office Action mailed January 31, 2006 rejected claims 1,2 and 5-24, and claims 3 and 4 were withdrawn from consideration.